Approved REGULAR MEETING June 6, 2016

The Wethersfield Town Council held a meeting on Monday, June 6, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Town Hall.

Present: Councilors Bello, Hemmann, Hurley, Latina, Martino, Rell, Spinella, Deputy Mayor Barry; absent, Mayor Montinieri.

Also present: Michael Emmett, Superintendent of Schools; Kathy Bagley, Director of Parks & Recreation and Social & Youth Services; Jeff Bridges, Town Manager and Dolores G. Sassano, Town Clerk.

A moment of silence was observed in commemoration of the anniversary of D-Day.

All stood for the pledge of allegiance to the flag which was led by Councilor Rell.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gus Colantonio of 16 Morrison Avenue commented that everybody is getting tired about hearing about the stop sign. He quoted from the May 24, 2009 police report again. He really believes that the stop sign at Hillcrest Avenue and Orchard are used for speed control. The only stop sign at that intersection should come from Orchard and not Hillcrest Avenue. He wonders when they installed those stop signs on Hillcrest Avenue if anything was done, never mind engineering study because there is no reason why those stop signs are there. He stated comparisons he sees between Morrison Avenue; it is very noisy and yet nothing is ever done. Orchard Street and Tifton Road connect to Morrison Avenue. Only Orchard Street connects to Hillcrest Avenue and yet they have two stop signs and we have one. There is a policeman who lives on Hillcrest, is that why they have a stop sign. If he lived on Morrison Avenue, would he get a stop sign? He thinks if you are not important; forget it, then you are not going to get anything.

Lee Sekas of 117 Wells Road commented that there will be a free event this Saturday, June 11th at the Eleanor Buck Wolf Nature Center from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Riverside Reptiles returns with two live shows; there will be a bird trail tour at 12 p.m.; crafts and games throughout the day. It should be fun. The Nature Center recently got some new furniture and equipment. They are upgrading it, making it better. He would like everyone to see how good it is; hopefully you may want to come back more often. With regard to stop signs the purpose of a stop sign is to STOP. If you notice little sports cars they slow down for speed bumps because they want to protect their car. If there is a stop sign approaching a major road and the road is being repaved, consider putting a speed bump 25 feet before they get to the stop sign to teach people the meaning of the word stop. He wanted to congratulate the Chamber of Commerce for the fireworks. Its summer now and time for pavement of streets, but there are lots sidewalks that

need fixing. He thinks the streets are in better shape than the condition of our sidewalks. These need to be addressed so that we can attract more people to Wethersfield.

Robert Young of 20 Coppermill Road has been listening to the State budget. The recent cut of 20 million dollars is going to affect municipalities. How much are we going to lose? He was looking at the taxes Wethersfield pays to the state and what Wethersfield pays on these issues. On personal income tax we paid 8 billion in 2014-15 across the state. On the other hand Wethersfield paid 55 million dollars just on personal income taxes. Sales and Use tax which runs another 28 million dollars that we pay; and he thinks how little we get back from the State of Connecticut. We pay a tremendous amount of different kinds of taxes and we only get 12 - 14 million dollars back from the State. We pay a total of 130 million dollars in various taxes and we get so little back. We shouldn't be sending money to the state. We should be sending money to our town. Then, we, as a town, should have to say what the State of Connecticut is worth to us and mail that agreed amount to the State of Connecticut. This year was a tough budget but next year is going to be even tougher. They [the legislature] have not secured a program to put in place to reduce our deficits. His FOI request to the MDC, asking only for 5 metrics has taken two and a half months. He only wants two numbers from them. It requires accountability and they have none.

Tom Mazzarella of 600 Wolcott Hill Road has three items he wanted to talk about. The first is the Transition Academy. A lot of hard work has gone into that selection. They mention an elevator and a second floor which will be inaccessible for the students. They talk about down the line of putting one in; he thinks that will be a huge cost. Has the landlord been approached about participating in some of that money? The Council will be signing off on a ten year lease. Maybe two or three years down the road, the Board will be back here asking for more money to put an elevator in. We are spending way too much money that we don't have. The second item is related to the surplus in the Board of Education budget which they are requesting that it be reclassified so they can spend the money on video cameras. Again, we are continuing to spend money that we don't have; he thinks it's an item that should be deferred. Security is important. What are you really going to gain by monitoring all the access points of the school? Third, there is a huge stalemate between the town and one of the residents. He thinks the intent is to just improve the safety of that street. He grew up in Wethersfield on Hillcrest where they played ball in the street. We are out there playing our baseball game and we used to stop the traffic to let the batter finish his turn before we would let the car pass through. One night, somebody wasn't going to stop, and a kid almost got hit. A couple of phone calls were made and probably within a week a stop sign was put up. No engineering study, no site line distance just hello, we need a stop sign and boom they put a stop sign up. He doesn't see why we can't do that again in 2016. There are a lot of people here. We spend an inordinate amount of time listening to Gus talk about stop signs. Gus has a legitimate request. Mr. Mazzarella asked that the Town just take a second look at it. It doesn't have to be an official thing by measuring the site line distances and the traffic counts. He just doesn't see what the big deal is putting up a stop sign up. It just seems like it's an absolute stalemate. The town isn't going to budge and Gus is not going to budge. Mr. Mazzarella thinks there are a lot more important things for all you people [Council] to be listening to and working on.

George Ruhe of 956 Cloverdale Circle stated that coming to these Council meetings and speaking sometimes is not without its risks and concerns for those who speak. At the last Council meeting a young lady spoke. He subsequently confirmed that her comments were not made without some significant apprehension. She nevertheless had the courage to share some thoughts that were pretty important. She spoke eloquently on the area of concern. It was not accusatory. Her comments were objective to her, concerns of hers and he believes to others. It had to do with the traffic stop data analysis. He has been collecting data on the subject as it pertains to this issue of minority profiling. He was just waiting to see where this thing was going. In a recent article in the Courant Community with the headline "The Chief disputes the report's findings". He could really understand why the Chief is unhappy with the findings. He can't understand his interpretation of the article: assailing the statistical findings. These numbers and the report were not conjured up by some amateur. The numbers that show up are what they are; and he thinks the statistician also said that it didn't show anything conclusive. It ought to be a signal or a warning. We know in the police environment not all things are beautiful. There are big problems. Around the time the report came out Mr. Ruhe noticed that the police reports in the Rare Reminder stopped being printed. It struck him as unusual, almost like nobody in Wethersfield does anything wrong in Wethersfield. It's all those people from Hartford. The comments in the papers, he believes, can only be really meaningful if we know what the actual driving population is in town. It's a wakeup call. He suggests they review the comments made and see if there is any validity to it. Do not dismiss it.

HEARING - NONE

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor Martino stated the Shared Services Committee met to look at the final revision of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Town and the Board to consolidate the Town and the Board's data processing functions. There are a couple more revisions to be made and then it will be brought for final approval at the end of the month. The next thing we will look at is the possible consolidation of the Town and Board's maintenance departments. The Budget and Finance Committee met and we sat with the Chief to review his findings to see if the rates were appropriate or not and he will get back to us on that. Staff brought up some comments regarding PA490 Open Space Designation and staff is going to work on that based on questions we had and come back to us. We reviewed the housing authority pilot payments and Housing authority is meeting later in the month. We reviewed the agents of record for both health insurance as well as liability, auto, property and worker's compensation and those are listed on the agenda for action to renew both agents of record for another term.

Councilor Bello reported that the Library Board met and they were pleased that they received their full funding from the Council and they wanted to express their thanks and they are gearing up for their summer reading programs for students and adults. The Friends of the Library held a successful book sale at the end of April beginning of May. She attended the Memorial Day Parade Committee right before the Parade where they finalized all the details for the parade

and the program at the cemetery. She also attended the Budget and Finance Committee meeting that Councilor Martino spoke about. The Public Safety meeting did not have a quorum and she was not sure a follow up meeting was necessary.

Councilor Latina reported that the Disabilities Committee did some extensive work on group home contact and liaisons making sure that the list is up to date. There was discussion on donation of money for armchairs at the Senior Center, the nursing home on Jordan Lane, the bus shelter status with CROG, and a presentation from the Connecticut Department of Social Services on their Connecticut home care program for elders. A flyer was passed out for the Bell Academy which is run through the National Federation of the Blind of Connecticut. It is August 8th through the 12th and is a program for children who would like to have something to do during the summer who may be blind. It is a lot on building self-confidence and positive attitudes. More information can be found on info@nfbct.org or through the community outreach office here in Wethersfield.

Deputy Mayor Barry reported that he attended the Building Committee meeting where they are gearing up for the final summer of the project. From a budget standpoint, not much has change significantly from the prior month in terms of contingencies. The schedule is still in place and ultimately will be concluded the last phase by the end of October. Much will be done by the start of the school year but that last northeast corner will be worked on through the fall and some of the site work outside in the parking area will also be worked on. One of the biggest challenges has been doing the renovations while the students in the school and it has been a tremendous undertaking with a lot of work from the Superintendent, Mr. Moore, cooperation from the teachers and the students themselves. With the students out of the school they are anticipating significant amount of work to be moving forward to completion over the summer.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Bello indicated that she was honored to be asked to march in the Memorial Day Parade and be part of the ceremony at the Cemetery. She also attended the Comstock Heritage Day and was present for the unveiling of the markers at the Keeney Cultural Center. She attended the first annual Mayor's Ball was a great night for a great cause. Thousands of dollars were raised and they actually oversold tickets to the event. The fireworks were very beautiful and very well attended. The Keane Foundation had their 5K and the weather held out and a Wethersfield high school student was the first to cross the finish line just over seventeen minutes.

Councilor Spinella commented that he also attended the Memorial Day Parade as part of the Committee. He indicated that Larry Spellacy and Sal Cucia did a great job organizing it. It was the first time he had attended the ceremony at the cemetery and it was beautiful and it really drove home the meaning behind Memorial Day and it's too bad more people don't go.

Councilor Hemmann wanted to thank the committee indicating that they did a wonderful job and it was her first year serving on that committee although participating for a number of years. She was honored to be able to drive the Vietnam vet representative and they had a very nice chat along the route and he had his granddaughter and grandniece with him and they enjoyed it and appreciated being part of the parade.

Councilor Hurley also attended all of the events that Councilor Bello's talked about and he also thought that for the Fire Works it was the most in attendance they have ever had and he wanted to thank the Recreation Department, Chamber of Commerce, the Fire Department and the Police Department all do a great job of keeping it all organized down there and making it a great event. Also the Wethersfield boys track team won States today which was a nice accomplishment.

Councilor Latina commented she thought Ken Lesser and the committee and all the folks who volunteered their time to put the Mayor's Ball together did a really good job. It was a fun event to attend; and to see people from outside Wethersfield support our food bank. She thought they really drove home the reason why they were there. For them to give of their time to really do that and get it off the ground was really great and she thanked them.

Deputy Mayor Barry wanted to congratulate the track team as well. Not only did they win the Class L large school championship last week, today's state championship was the open championship so they are the overall Champions of ALL classes. It really is a pretty good accomplishment and he wasn't sure that had ever happened before. First time ever, so kudos goes to the team and the coaching staff. They do a great job. It is an exciting time for them and congratulations.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager Bridges reported that after the Central Connecticut study that we heard about, he and the Police Chief and some of his command staff met with the representatives performing the study to go over this year's most recent data. They will be spending the summer working with our staff. We will be working with them on how to better analysis the data, how it is being interpreted, how it is being applied and how it is being applied to how we police the town. We are going to look at practices, policies, the data and how it all relates to how we operate and see where that takes us. The second years' worth of data was much more complete than the first year in terms of location and some other things. There are some things they have asked from us in addition to the data they have already collected to help better understand how it is we operate and how we assign patrol and so forth and so on. So we are going to spend the summer with them and hopefully by the fall we will have a better and clearer picture of how the data is used to interpret what we do. It was a positive meeting and good stuff came out of that meeting in terms of how they are reviewing the data and how they are collecting the data and how it relates to what we do.

Councilor Rell asked who would be sitting on this panel from the town side. Would there be anybody from the Public Safety Committee?

Town Manager Bridges responded that not yet. We have kept it at the staff level so far. There is a process of day-to-day interaction, we send them data, they look at it and use it in their models and then we will probably meet again sometime in August.

Councilor Rell suggestion is to put somebody from the Public Safety Committee on it from the Town Council side.

Deputy Mayor Barry indicated that it was worth a discussion and it might not be a bad idea. It might be preliminary right now but at some point it may be a positive thing to do.

Town Manager Bridges stated that at the last meeting there was a question on what the amount of the [WHS renovation] school contingency. We are at \$862,000 between contingency and allowances.

We have no word yet on what the 20 million dollar cut means from the State. OPM has not released where those dollars will be removed from the municipal aid.

Brainard Airport is going to celebrate its 95th anniversary on June 10, 11 & 12th. There are a series of events that are going to take place over those dates and the information is on our website. It is one of the oldest airports in the Country.

The MDC has notified the Parks & Recreation Department that they will not charge for filling the pools this year which saves about \$25,000 out of the current year budget.

What was known as CRA which is now MIRA, the trash museum will close for good on June 24th. Their mission at the state level has changed in relating to recycling education and their funding for keeping the museum open has evaporated.

One of the Chevy cavaliers that we bought used and now have owned for over ten years ourselves is in rough shape. We may have to look at replacing that sooner than we anticipated so it is in the shop. Today it just died on Church Street so we are going to see what it will take to fix it and put it back together, but we may need to replace it.

Town Manager Bridges asked if the Council had any thoughts or suggestions about the July 5th Council meeting. It's the Tuesday after the 4th. We have held it in the past; we have cancelled in the past so something to think about for the June 20th meeting as you prepare for that.

TOWN CLERK COMMUNICATION

Town Clerk Sassano indicated that June is dog registration month. As of the end of last week over 330 dogs were registered. The department ended up with over 1800 at the end of the

2015 year. It has been busy. Next meeting she will have a memo for possibly cancelling or postponing the meeting of November 7th the night before the election. Both rooms have to be set up for the Election. The Registrars have same day voter registration and she has presidential ballots and as well as issuing absentee ballots and we use this room for that.

COUNCIL ACTION

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, APPOINTMENTS FOR ACTION

Councilor Rell moved to "ACCEPT THE RESIGNATIONS OF VINCENT J. FABI AND JOAN HUGHES FROM THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT COMMMISSION EFFECTIVE 5-17-16 TO CLEAN UP LIST", seconded by Councilor Hurley.

Vote: All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 8-0-0.

Councilor Martino moved to "ACCEPT THE RESIGNATIONS OF KENNETH A. RIZZIO AND ALTERNATES YOLANDA ANTONIAK AND LUCAS WATSON FROM THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION EFFECTIVE 5-17-16 TO CLEAN UP LIST", seconded by Councilor Bello.

Vote: All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 8-0-0.

Councilor Spinella moved to "ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF TODD WILLARD FROM THE YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD EFFECTIVE 6-1-16", seconded by Councilor Bello.

Vote: All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 8-0-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - NONE

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilor Bello moved to "SET THE SALARIES OF THE REGISTRARS OF VOTERS AT \$24,512 EACH", seconded by Councilor Spinella.

Town Manager Bridges stated that the Budget and Finance Committee has been reviewing the salaries of the Registrars for some time and at its meeting of February 29th it was determined that the salaries for each Registrar each should be set at \$24,512 and that number was used to prepare the budget and this would become effective July 1st.

Vote: All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted. The motion passed 7-0-1 (Councilor Hurley abstained).

Councilor Martino moved to "APPROVE THE LEASE BETWEEN THE TOWN OF WETHERFIELD (BOE) AND SEENM PROPERTIES LLC FOR 370 SILAS DEANE HIGHWAY FOR THE WETHERSFIELD TRANSITION ACADEMY", seconded by Councilor Spinella.

Town Manager Bridges stated that the Board of Education has recommended that the lease be adopted by the Council. It is a ten year lease and we have a positive 8-24 referral from the Planning & Zoning Commission as well as zoning approval by the Planning & Zoning Commission. He invited Superintendent Michael Emmett to the podium to answer any questions.

Councilor Latina asked for a point of clarification with regard to the elevator. In the addendum with the fed up for certain items that would be required by us as the tenant, the elevators are not ever listed so is that something you plan on doing, is that just off the table or have you guys talked about that.

Superintendent Emmett responded that they had talked with the landlord and what they are going to look at is procuring grant funds through the state to find the money to do the elevator. At this point and time because of the fact that we are looking at leasing two floors, if the student is in a wheelchair and cannot access the top floor then we would bring the service to the student. One of the things we are looking at with this program is ultimate expansion as we look at our numbers and we project out. We may be able to with the space that we have is have two different levels of this program within for various ability levels. This is a community based program so 370 Silas Deane will be the home base and students as part of their program will also have community based programs as well.

Councilor Latina asked does the renewal in 2026 if they so choose to do so, have to come back before the Board and Council to which Superintendent Emmett replied yes.

Councilor Hurley asked if there were any plans to do anything else with that top floor, any other type of programs or is it all going to be the transition academy.

Superintendent Emmett responded that it will all be the Transition Academy at this point and time. We certainly are not going to be utilizing it for any type of instruction. It is not suited for that and this program is for adults 18 to 21. There is the idea that the Wethersfield Early Childhood Collaborative (WECC) program which is funded by both the Board and the town a possibility of some WECC programming not specific to provision of services to students but perhaps office space. But right now our focus is with the numbers we have coming up and our projections for the Transition Academy, our focus is the Transition Academy first and foremost.

Deputy Mayor Barry asked that this obviously goes without saying that this has gone through and been fully veted by the Board of Education and the stakeholders including the parents and Superintendent Emmett replied yes it has.

Councilor Latina asked will the WECC program if they have office space there, who pays for that part of it.

Superintendent Emmett replied that would be embedded within the scope of our lease. This WECC program the monies are going toward the creation of a position for a coordinator. We would not be looking to charge WECC for anything. The idea of WECC being in there is far out in the future and our focus is really on the Transition Academy. It has been over at the Pitkin Community Center since its conception in about a 400 square foot room so we have certainly outgrown it and we have a large number of students coming in. He was pleased to report that they were looking at bringing in tuitions from other communities and we have already done so and we have our first student coming in from outside Wethersfield. This is part of the process as budgets get tighter and tighter and we talk about regionalization this is an opportunity for those districts that don't provide that service and don't have that in-house, we have it and we have a pretty good program.

Councilor Rell asked how many kids outside the district they are anticipating to get in three years out. Are we branding ourselves or marketing ourselves?

Superintendent Emmett replied that we are marketing ourselves among those districts that do not have programs. This is a requirement of school districts so for those students that require an AIP up to age 21 districts regardless of their budgetary status have an obligation to provide that type of programming. We will be looking to those districts that do not have the room and we have some our out of district placements that does not have access and they have limited in terms of space and they fill up so we offer the opportunity to have this community based program which is very well regarded in the greater Hartford region.

Councilor Bello asked what the anticipated enrollment was for next year.

Superintendent Emmett responded that he thought it was up around 20 students.

Vote: All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 8-0-0.

Councilor Bello moved to "AUTHORIZE THE TOWN MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN EXECUTE BILLS OF SALE AND ANY AND ALL MATTER OF OTHER DOCUMENTS AND TO TAKE SUCH OTHER ACTIONS AS HE MAY DEEM APPROPRIATE AND IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE TOWN IN ORDER TO EFFECT THE ABOVE ACQUISITION", seconded by Councilor Spinella.

Town Manager Bridges stated that the MDC has offered us a boat for the town's use with the expectation that we would use this to allow the harbormaster a vessel to use it for his duties although he not a town employee. It is much newer than the one we have. The one we have is over 50 years old and has spent some time above the water, sometime below the water and our motor is shot so this boat is a massive upgrade to what we have now. This is a very generous donation from the MDC and Riverfront Recapture.

Vote: All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 8-0-0.

Councilor Spinella moved to "REAPPOINT CHRIS MONROE OF U.S.I INSURANCE AS THE TOWN'S AGENT OF RECORD FOR HEALTH INSURANCE", seconded by Councilor Bello.

Town Manager Bridges stated that agents of record as provided for in the Code have three year terms nominated by the Town Manager under guidance by the Insurance Committee. The Insurance Committee recommended to him that they would like to reappoint both Mr. Monroe and Mr. Wardop to the position of agents of record. He supports that nomination and he makes that nomination to the Council.

Vote: All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 8-0-0.

Councilor Spinella moved to "REAPPOINT CHRIS WARDOP OF U.S.I. INSURANCE AS THE TOWN'S AGENT OF RECORD FOR LIABILITY, AUTO, PROPERTY AND WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE", seconded by Councilor Bello.

Town Manager Bridges stated that this is the same as mentioned above.

Vote: All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 8-0-0.

Councilor Martino moved to "ACCEPT THE DONATION AND AUTHORIZE INSTALLATION CONTINGENT UPON FINAL APPROVAL BY THE WETHERSFIELD PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION", seconded by Councilor Spinella.

Town Manager Bridges stated that Director Bagley was here to answer any questions, but the PTO is offering to purchase and have installed a play structure for the younger children. This is a timing issue. The Planning & Zoning Commission has to rule on this by the end of the month. If we waited and then have a Town Council vote, it would be difficult to get this completed by the end of the summer. The staff is asking that the Council approve and accept the donation based upon final approval of the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Director Kathy Bagley was invited up to the podium.

Councilor Rell asked what type of work would be done by the Town Physical Services Department.

Director Bagley responded that all the work is being done by a contractor. The installation, the drainage, a little path and the contractor will be paid by the PTO.

Vote: All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 8-0-0.

BIDS - NONE

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, APPOINTMENTS FOR INTRODUCTION - NONE

MINUTES

Councilor Bello moved "TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES (BUDGET MEETING) OF MAY 12, 2016", seconded by Councilor Spinella.

Vote: All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted. The motion passed 7-0-1 (Councilor Rell abstained).

Councilor Martino moved "TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 16, 2016", seconded by Councilor Spinella.

Vote: All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted. The motion passed 7-0-1 (Councilor Bello abstained).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

George Ruhe of 956 Cloverdale Circle thought he understood that the police would be looking at this whole issue of the report and he thinks that is good and he senses that Mrs. Hallisey's comments did not fall on deaf ears and he was pleased.

Town Manager Bridges indicated that they had already set the meeting with CCSU before Mrs. Hallisey spoke but she echoed the concerns we all shared.

Mr. Ruhe continued that Councilor Hurley and Councilor Rell both suggested an outside watcher or participant and he thinks that is good. We have this self-policing concept and that really doesn't work too well; he thinks just having somebody on the outside keeping an eye on things, making sure we are not covering stuff up. He encourages it and that's two positive steps. He was wondering if the town has just one boat. Town Manager Bridges indicated that we have three boats. Mr. Ruhe questioned why we need three boats. Town Manager Bridges responded that one is set up for the Police for their duties and responsibilities then one set up for Fire which is rescue on the river and then the Harbormaster which is a patrol boat basically to check the buoys at the Cove and so forth. Each one has a different function with different equipment on it with different training necessary to utilize them.

Gus Colantonio of 16 Morrison Avenue mentioned last week he went by Church Street and Main Street. He was pleasantly surprised that the pavement markings were improved. Wethersfield Life was very disturbing with so many of the people under the poverty level, free lunches the number of seniors also using the food bank. Another article related was "Community sets out to fight hunger – The Wethersfield program is coordinated by Foodshare and is one of 19 active HATs in the area. This is in Wethersfield. When he moved from Italy and lived in the south end of Hartford, he thought Wethersfield was a wealthy town. Now 43 years after, it is sad. You can't really blame just one cause. He pays taxes and the taxes have been going up every year and the social security doesn't cover it. Is he going to fall into the

poverty level? He wonders if tax increases have induced those poverty lines. When is it going to stop?

Jim Clynch of 903 Ridge Road commented that he finds it a little discouraging when people get up and talk about and criticize the Police Department. He has been here for 40 years and has gotten two traffic tickets in his forty years. He thinks the Wethersfield Police Department is outstanding. When they start criticizing the police department for pulling people over it, could encourage the officers to sit in their cruisers and not do their job. He wouldn't want their job. It's a very dangerous job. He thinks it's unfair. People don't know what crime is until they have lived in the city. He heard a story about the Hartford Police Department, he doesn't know if it is true, but they have so much on their table dealing with the drugs, shootings and everything else, that they don't pay attention to the way people drive. When they cross over the borders they drive like they do in Hartford and may be breaking the law. The Wethersfield Police are just doing their jobs. If you break the law, you are going to get a ticket, simple as that.

Robert Young of 20 Coppermill Road commented that you should give a stop sign to Morrison Avenue to make his neighborhood safe. Tonight you passed this lease on the Transitional Academy and he guesses we are now in the profit business. A number of times he has mentioned we should be looking at pay to play but tonight we embraced that. It was mentioned that there was a surplus. He thinks they should take that money and put windows in the Webb School. What about Cottone Field? Where people pay to attend games and the money doesn't do anything to help reduce costs. We continue to spend extra monies for a school system that cost of 83 million dollars already and the elevator should be off the table until the end of the ten years is up.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:30 p.m., Councilor Spinella moved **"TO ADJOURN THE MEETING"** seconded by Councilor Martino. All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 8-0-0.

Dolores G. Sassano Town Clerk

APPROVED BY VOTE OF COUNCIL June 20, 2016